

Central Illinois Health Information Exchange (CIHIE) Awarded White Space Grant to Accelerate Connectivity



The Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT) has awarded nearly \$350,000 to the Central Illinois Health Information Exchange (CIHIE) to accelerate health information exchange connectivity among long-term care providers in the central region of the state and connect CIHIE to the ILHIE network.

“Long-term care providers have not had access to recent financial incentive programs that helped hospitals and physician practices make the transition from paper to electronic health records. This grant will help CIHIE break down the technological and financial barriers that stand in the way for some long-term care providers,” said Joy Duling, CIHIE Executive Director.

“This grant to the Central Illinois Health Information Exchange in Peoria represents a step forward in our efforts to upgrade our health information technology network across the state,” Governor Quinn said. “Through this grant we will be improving communication among long term care providers in Central Illinois and empowering them to participate in the transformation of our health care system into one that focuses on wellness and keeping people healthy through better preventive care.”

This grant is in addition to three previous grants totaling \$1.3 million invested in OHIT’s White Space Grant Program to connect providers and health information exchanges throughout the state to the ILHIE.

Connect to the ILHIE Today!

Join the many providers and organizations that are on boarding to the ILHIE today, including:

- More than 2,000 individual providers
- More than 450 health care organizations including hospitals, physician practices, and community health centers
- Care settings serving hundreds of thousands of patients every year



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Why Join the ILHIE?

Improve Patient Care, Save Time and Lower Costs



Over the past 20 years, our nation has experienced a major change due to information technology, including email, smartphones, and online banking and shopping. We are living in an electronic world, and the next big change is happening right now, in health care.

The Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE) is a secure transport network to facilitate exchange of electronic health information according to national standards to improve patient care and outcomes. The ILHIE allows health care providers and patients to securely access and share medical information electronically in real time — improving the speed, quality, safety and cost of

patient care. More and more Illinois health care providers and health information exchange entities are connecting to the ILHIE because the need for statewide, secure exchange is clear and the benefits are significant.

Benefits of Connecting to the ILHIE:

- **Improved Treatment Outcomes and Care Coordination:** Providers receive an accurate, up-to-date aggregated view of all patient data giving them the information they need to make better informed diagnoses, care plans and treatment decisions.
- **Increases Patient Collaboration:** Patients with access to their electronic records are better informed about their health and can better track their care. Communication between provider and patient is enhanced, even in situations as simple as receiving electronic answers to questions right away rather than waiting for a returned phone call.
- **Fewer Forms for Providers and Patients to Fill Out:** A provider's early access to a patient's health and insurance records will reduce the need to continuously fill out duplicate information when visiting different providers.
- **Improves Public Health Reporting and Monitoring:** The ILHIE provides a real-time link directly to public health, making reporting simpler and more accurate. This enhances public health and disease surveillance while reducing medical disparities.



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Who Benefits from Connecting to the HIE?

- **Patients:** facilitates better coordination of care, better outcomes, and more patient access and involvement
- **Providers:** allows secure sharing of vital information at the point of care
- **Payers:** reduces costly medical errors, duplicative procedures and treatments and ineffective, uncoordinated care

The ILHIE Can Save Lives in an Emergency

Emergency Department Use Case



- An unconscious patient arrives in the emergency department
 - Patient's identifying information is obtained from their wallet
 - Admitting hospital's EHR is connected to the ILHIE
 - Available patient identifying data is entered
 - Request to the ILHIE for patient information is initiated
 - The Master Patient Index (MPI) identifies the patient
 - The Record Locator Service (RLS) identifies where the patient's most up-to-date medical record resides (most often with their provider) and pulls it from that source.
 - The records are received moments later in the emergency dept and can include life saving information including diagnosis, allergies, medication lists, medical history, insurance and the patient's provider information
- **Note:** The records are also filtered by privacy and consent rules
 - **Note:** the ILHIE is not a repository of medical information but instead, a transport network

Specialist Referral Use Case



- A patient is referred by their Primary Care Physician to a Specialist
- Specialist sends a query for specific data from their EHR system to the ILHIE
- The RLS receives the request
- Result is the same as previous use case, except data is filtered for the specialist's needs

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Introducing Out of Network Messaging Securely Exchange With Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime

All you Need is ILHIE Direct and the Recipient's Email Address

One of the most valuable services of ILHIE Direct is the ability to send secure messages with attachments, including lab reports, referrals or requests for information, to Out of Network exchange partners who do not have an ILHIE Direct address.

The recipient will receive a notice in their regular email that includes a link to a secure, temporary webmail account and an assigned password. That individual can then read and respond to your secure ILHIE Direct message for the next 15 days.

If there's a provider or providers you'd like to exchange ILHIE Direct messages with on a regular basis, simply send them an Out of Network message. Imbedded in each Out of Network notification email is a link to register for an ILHIE Direct account. Once they experience how simple ILHIE Direct is to use and how much it helps improve patient care coordination, saves time and lowers costs, they too will want to register and join you as part of the ILHIE Trust Community.

ILHIE Direct – Improve Patient Care, Save Time and Lower Costs

- HIPAA Compliant
- No EHR needed
- Just an Internet connection

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2013 ILHIE Webinar Series

Throughout the year, the ILHIE is pleased to present a series of complimentary webinars and tutorials. Topics include: On-Boarding to the ILHIE, Why Join the ILHIE, Achieving Stage 2 Meaningful Use, ILHIE Direct, Behavioral Health, Privacy & Security, Consumer Education and more. [Click here](#) to view the ILHIE Webinars & Tutorials page, and check back often as additional webinars will be added as they develop.



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Mental Health Confidentiality Act Update

Supporting Patient Choice in Data Sharing and Modernizing the Mental Health Confidentiality Act (HB1017 HA 1 & 2 – Feigenholtz; SB1186 – Steans)



In early March, the *Supporting Patient Choice in Data Sharing and Modernizing the Mental Health Confidentiality Act* (HB1017, as amended) received unanimous support in the House Judiciary Committee and went on to be passed unanimously by the full House. State Representative Sara Feigenholtz, assistant majority leader, and her colleagues in the Illinois House led the effort to educate her fellow lawmakers on the importance of this legislation.

Statewide use of the ILHIE will benefit all patients in Illinois. Illinois law must be modernized to allow for the use of the ILHIE and real time

data sharing, supporting the success of care coordination and Medicaid reform. Under care coordination, behavioral health and medical providers must be able to exchange health information electronically and in real time to improve patient outcomes and reduce costs.

Once enacted, the legislation will allow patients and providers to have the choice to share mental health data electronically and in real time. The legislation supports the role and responsibilities of the ILHIE to facilitate secure data exchange for the improvement of patient care, and clarifies the way information will be shared with patients regarding their right to opt-out of the HIE.

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